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THE TRAVANCORE SRI CHITRA STATE COUNCIL.

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*Friday, the 13th August, 1937|29th Karkatakam, 1112.*

The Council met again in the Victoria Jubilee Town Hall at eleven of the clock with the President presiding.

## MEMBER SWORN.

Mr. K. George, B. A., (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*) took the oath and signed the Rolls.

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

*Facilities for Arabic study in Colleges.*

64. ***Mr. N. Abdur Rahiman Sahib** (*Trivandrum and Nedumangad* cum *Chirayinkil*) : Will the Government be pleased to state how many Muslim students had to take other subjects or arrange for private study for want of facilities for Arabic study in any of the colleges in the State since 1933 ?

**Rao Bahadur Rajyasevanirata Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai:** (*Chief Secretary to Government*: There are 15 such Muslim students in the Government Colleges and 3 in the Private Colleges.

**Mr. N. Abdur Rahiman Sahib :** May I know whether it was brought to the notice of Government that Muslim students find it difficult to study Arabic for want of facilities in Colleges ?

**Rao Bahadur Rajyasevanirata Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai:** It has been brought to the notice of Government through this House.

**Mr. N. Abdur Rahiman Sahib :** May I know whether the Government have considered the necessity of doing anything in this matter ?

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**Rao Bahadur Rajyasevanirata Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai:** Wherever it is found necessary to appoint Arabic Munshies, they are being appointed.

**Mr. N. Abdur Rahiman Sahib:** May I know with reference to Colleges, whether anything has been done?

**Rao Bahadur Rajyasevanirata Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai:** Nothing has been done so far, because no necessity has arisen.

**Mr. N. Abdur Rahiman Sahib:** May I know when difficulty is felt should not Government provide instruction for Arabic study in Colleges?

**Rao Bahadur Rajyasevanirata Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai:** Not always.

*Work turned out by the Agricultural Department.*

65. ***Mr. N. V. Chacko** (*Parur, Kunnatnad and Muvattupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any improvement, with special reference to productivity of the soil and method of cultivation, has been effected as a result of the labours of the Department of Agriculture ever since its inception in Travancore;

(*b*) if so, what is the total amount of increase in the yields of paddy and of cocoanuts in the State for which credit should be given to the Department of Agriculture;

(*c*) in each case, what percentage does the increased productivity bear to the original productivity at the time of the establishment of the department; and

(*d*) what are the main objects, aims, purposes and ideals of the Department of Agriculture?

**Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar** (*Director of Agriculture and Fisheries*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The statistics are not available.

(*c*) In view of the answer to part (*b*), this does not arise.

(*d*) Popularisation of improved methods of agriculture among agriculturists by means of research, experiments, demonstration and propaganda.

**Mr. K. R. Elankath** (*Kalkulam and Vilavankod* cum *Neyyattinkara*): With reference to part (*b*) may I know whether Government have made any attempt to get the statistics?

**Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar:** No systematic attempts have been made.

**Mr. K. R. Elankath:** May I know whether it is impossible to make any attempt in the matter?

**Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar:** Nothing is impossible.

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